

## Daniels's War Policy Called Timid by Sims

Admiral Says Many Department Witnesses Revealed Distressing Conditions in Their Testimony

Wilson's Plan Assailed

Failures of the Secretary Are Related; Investigation May Close To-morrow

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Rear Admiral Sims today began efforts to settle Secretary Daniels' defense of the Navy Department's conduct of the war.

Testifying in rebuttal before the Senate naval investigating committee, the admiral declared that Navy Department witnesses had revealed conditions in the navy "even more distressing than I could have imagined." He added that these witnesses had presented "a much more severe criticism of the deplorable conditions referred to than I myself have submitted."

Admiral Sims declared that what Secretary Daniels had described as President Wilson's "bold and audacious" policy for the navy was commendable, but the Navy Department, instead of following the Presidential plan as promulgated to the officers and men of the Atlantic fleet in August, 1917, held to a "timid and hesitating course."

**Wilson Plans Assailed**  
The officer characterized the President's advocacy of operations by the Allied naval forces to bottle up the German submarines in their home ports as "unpracticable" in view of certain technical difficulties, with which, he said, the President was unfamiliar.

"The sacrifice of half the combined British and American fleets," he added, "would not have been too great a price to pay if it would have suppressed the submarine and ended the war. The attempt would, of course, have been unsuccessful, for in the opinion of responsible naval experts, it would certainly have failed."

Referring to President Wilson's cable message to him on July 4, 1917, asking for "independent recommendations" and expressing the belief that the British Admiralty was "helpless almost to the point of panic," the admiral said:

"I regret extremely that the Secretary has seen fit in introducing this message, to reflect upon the services of the British Admiralty to the Allied cause. It was a personal and confidential message addressed to me, which I had guarded with the greatest secrecy. I would have considered myself guilty of a grave breach of confidence if I had brought the matter before this committee."

"I am also surprised that the Secretary should introduce this message as evidence against me, when the facts show that the criticism of the President's policy was made by the British Admiralty, which I had down to the Navy Department, as it was then conducted, then against the admiral."

"It is very probable that the Secretary himself was not familiar at the time with the extent to which the Navy Department was violating the very principles which he laid down in his message. The slight figure almost collapsed as the girl stepped into the carriage to go to Cedar Down Cemetery in Paterson. She was exorcised by the grand jury."

**Sails to Buy Sugar Crop**

**Thompson, Restaurant Owner, Goes to Czechoslovakia**

CHICAGO, May 27.—John R. Thompson, millionaire owner of a string of "one-anneal" restaurants, will sail from New York Saturday for Czechoslovakia, where he will buy 10,000,000 crowns' worth of sugar to prevent further shortages in his restaurants.

Jan Masaryk, son of the President of Czechoslovakia, arrived here this afternoon about an hour after Mr. Thompson had started East. Mr. Masaryk said the year's sugar crop in his country was already in the hands of middlemen and that Mr. Thompson's only opportunity would be to get the 1921 crop.

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## U. S. Accused Of Illegal Acts In Red Crusade

Cruel and Unusual Punishment; Arrests Without Warrants Are Charged in Report Made by Lawyers

Louis F. Post Praised

Provocative Agents Used by Department of Justice, Declare Allegations

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Charges that the Department of Justice had committed "continual illegal acts" in connection with its recent campaign against radical activities are contained in a report by a special committee of lawyers made public here to-night by Judson King, executive secretary of the National Popular Government League.

Mr. King said that the committee had prepared its report under the auspices of the league and that its conclusions and exhibits contained in a pamphlet were being distributed by the league throughout the country.

The signers of the document are: Roscoe Pound, dean of the Law School, Harvard University; Tyrrell Williams, St. Louis, dean of the Law School, Washington University; Frank P. Walsh, New York City, former joint chairman National War Labor Board; David Wallerstein, Philadelphia, member American Bar Association; Jackson H. Ralston, Washington, D. C., umpire Italian-Venezuelan Claim Commission; former Judge Alfred Niles, Baltimore, professor Maryland University Law School; Frances Fisher Kane, former United States District Attorney, Philadelphia; Felix Frankfurter, assistant to the Secretary of War and Assistant Secretary of Labor during the war, and now professor of law, Harvard University; Swinburne Hale, New York, former captain, military intelligence division, general staff, United States army; Ernst Freund, Chicago, professor Chicago University Law School; R. G. Brown, Memphis; Zechariah Chafee Jr., Boston, professor Harvard Law School.

The report charged that the department's agents, without warrant, unreasonable searches and seizures, provocative agents, compelling persons to be witnesses against themselves, and propaganda of the Department of Justice.

"We make no argument in favor of any radical doctrine as such, whether Socialist, Communist or anarchist," the report says. "No one of us belongs to any of these schools of thought, nor do we now raise any question as to the constitutional protection of free speech and a free press."

"We are concerned solely with bringing to the attention of the American people the utterly illegal acts which have been committed by those charged with the highest duty of enforcing the laws—acts which have caused widespread suffering and unrest, have struck at the foundation of American free institutions and have brought the name of our country into disrepute."

The office of the Attorney General, "under guise of a campaign for suppression of radical activities," the report says, "acting by its local agents throughout the country and giving express instructions from Washington, has committed continual illegal acts. Wholesale arrests, both of aliens and citizens, have been made without warrant or any process of law; men and women have been jailed and held incommunicado, without access of friends

or counsel; homes have been entered without search warrant and property seized and removed; other property has been wantonly destroyed; working men and working women suspected of radical views have been shamefully abused and maltreated; agents of the Department of Justice have been introduced into radical organizations to inform upon their members or to incite them to activities, and these agents have been instructed from Washington to arrange meetings upon certain dates for the express object of facilitating wholesale raids and arrests.

"In support of these illegal acts and to create sentiment in its favor, the Department of Justice also has constituted itself a propaganda bureau and has sent to newspapers and magazines of the country quantities of material designed to excite public opinion against radicals, all at the expense of the government and outside the scope of the Attorney General's duties."

Appended to the report are more than a score of "exhibits," some of them photographic reproductions of documents connected with various cases under discussion, many affidavits of individuals who were arrested in the past and also copies of what are said to be confidential instructions sent by department officials to its agents.

### Dry Indorse Capper

### Senator Proposed for Republican Nomination for President

CHICAGO, May 27.—A statement indorsing Senator Arthur Capper, of Kansas, for the Republican Presidential nomination and Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas, author of the Eighteenth Amendment, for the Democratic honors, was issued here to-day by Virgil G. Hinshaw, chairman of the Prohibition National Committee. Mr. Hinshaw said:

"If the Republican party wants to nominate a candidate around whom the moral forces of this nation may gather, let it nominate some one like United States Senator Capper, who is not only of high moral integrity, but awake along progressive, economical lines. If the Democratic party desires to nominate one whom the great majority of the American people can indorse enthusiastically and wholeheartedly, let it nominate United States Senator Morris Sheppard, the champion of great movements."

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## Boy in Bond Theft Says He Traded Loot For Slips of Paper

Joseph Zwirn, 14, Tells Police He Gave \$1,000 in Securities to Another Lad in Exchange for a Bundle

Sitting on a table in the Old Slip police station last night, Joseph Zwirn, a fourteen-year-old messenger, until recently in the employ of Irving K. Harrington & Co., 30 Broad Street, told detectives the story of the theft of three bonds of the German Republic, valued at 23,000 marks, or at the present rate of exchange, \$1,000 in United States currency.

The boy, who is small for his age, finished his recital in a flood of tears. He said, the detectives disclose, that he had been given nineteen bonds to mail and had mailed fifteen of them. The rest, he said, were handed over to an older lad, who he knew only as "Duke," and in return for them he

received a bundle, which he supposed contained money. He was told to hold it until next day, when he was to meet "Duke" again. This appointment, he said, was not kept, and when he opened the bundle he found that it contained only strips of newspapers.

According to a statement made by the Harrington firm, Zwirn was given the bonds to mail on April 15. A few days later one of the bonds came back in an envelope addressed to the firm, and then complaints of the non-receipt of other bonds were reported.

An investigation revealed that only fourteen of the bonds were mailed, and when the loss became known Zwirn was discharged.

He was arrested by Detectives Edwards Kubisch, Pierce Fleming and Stephen Dunphy, of the Old Slip Station, and was held in the custody of the Children's Society, charged with juvenile delinquency. Zwirn lives at 112 Jackson Street, Hoboken.

### More Georgia Clerks Quit

ATLANTA, May 27.—Union clerks on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, Georgia Railroad, the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic and the Southern Railway walked out this afternoon in sympathy with the strike of clerks of the Central of Georgia Railroad, according to railroad officials. The Seaboard Air Line was not affected.

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